

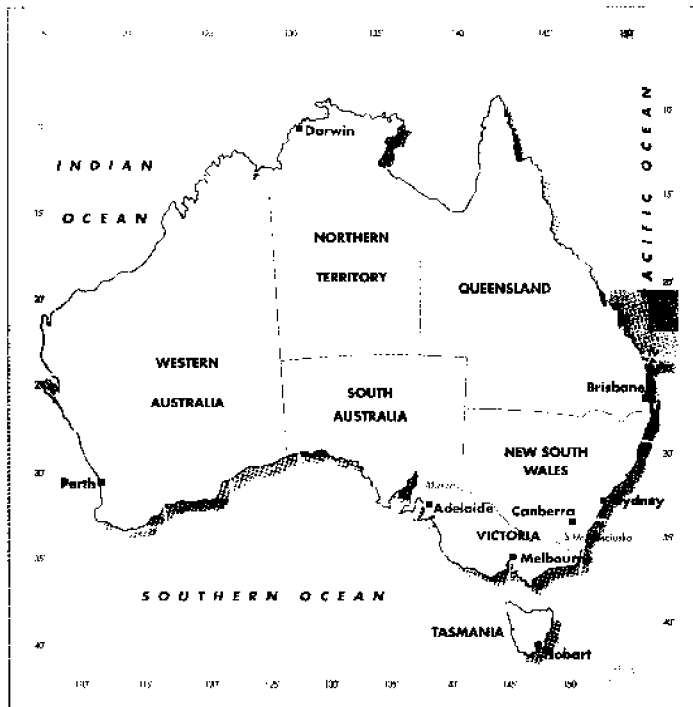


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Australia comprises a land area of 7,682,300 square kilometres. The land lies between latitudes 10°41' south (Cape York) and 43°39' south (South East Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113°09' east (Steep Point) and 153°39' east (Cape Byron).

The area of Australia is almost as great as that of the United States of America (excluding Alaska), about 50 per cent greater than Europe (excluding former USSR) and 32 times greater than the United Kingdom.

Australia is composed of six States: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and two Territories: Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

The longest river in Australia is the Murray River, 2,520 kilometres, which forms a natural border between the States of New South Wales and Victoria. The highest mountain in Australia is Mount Kosciusko, 2,230 metres, which is situated in New South Wales.

State/ Territory	Area (⁰⁰⁰ km ²)	Length of coastline (km)	Estimated resident population June '93 (⁰⁰⁰)	Capital city	Estimated resident population of city June '93 (⁰⁰⁰)
NSW	802	1 900	5 998	Sydney	3 714
Vic.	228	1 800	4 465	Melbourne	3 189
Qld	1 727	7 400	3 118	Brisbane	1 422
SA	984	3 700	1 463	Adelaide	1 071
WA	2 526	12 500	1 676	Perth	1 221
Tas.	68	3 200	471	Hobart	193
NT	1 346	6 200	169	Darwin	78
ACT	(a)2	(b)35	(b)299	Canberra	(b)299
Aust.	7 682	36 735	(b)17 657	Canberra	(b)299

(a) Excludes Jarvis Bay Territory. (b) Includes Jarvis Bay Territory.

AGRICULTURE		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Gross value of agriculture	\$m	21 159	20 861	21 836
Crops	\$m	9 075	9 868	10 595
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	5 721	5 738	6 024
Livestock products	\$m	6 354	5 244	5 205
Wheat production	'000 t	15 066	10 557	14 739
Meat production (excl. poultry)	'000 t	2 741	2 794	2 798
Wool production	'000 t	843	736	712

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Balance on current account	\$m	- 11 971	- 15 337	- 16 436
Balance of merchandise trade (BOP basis)	\$m	3 819	595	- 529
Net services	\$m	- 2 243	- 2 414	- 1 368
Net income	\$m	- 15 788	- 14 245	- 14 814
Net unrequited transfers	\$m	2 241	727	275
Balance on capital account	\$m	16 444	16 895	7 966
Total official	\$m	6 673	15 619	5 279
Total non-official	\$m	9 771	1 275	2 686

BUILDING		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
New houses completed	'000	100	115	121
New other residential building completed	'000	33	41	46
Value of new residential building completed	\$m	11 284	13 240	14 368
Value of non-residential building completed	\$m	12 122	10 440	9 280

CLIMATE

	Average temperature	
	January	July
Average annual		
Average daily hours		

EXCHANGE RATES (average)		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
United States dollar	units per \$A	0.7694	0.7030	0.6919
United Kingdom pound	units per \$A	0.4381	0.4363	0.4623
German mark	units per \$A	1.274	1.103	1.171
Japanese yen	units per \$A	100.97	84.22	73.52

Source: Reserve Bank of Australia — exchange rates are derived using rates in respect of each trading day.

FINANCE

Government finance		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Revenue (all governments)	\$m	139 320	135 390	139 370
Cwth income tax, persons	\$m	50 061	46 687	47 328
Other Cwth government taxes	\$m	43 278	40 717	41 337
State and local government taxes	\$m	25 577	27 257	29 017
Total outlay (all governments)	\$m	150 817	160 299	163 527
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	60 209	64 204	67 237
Personal benefit payments to residents	\$m	37 351	42 387	45 926
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m	21 966	21 404	21 309

Private finance		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Assets of financial institutions (June balances)				
Banks(a)	\$m	361 908	382 849	412 932
FCA corporations(a)(b)	\$m	122 091	111 662	112 791
Statutory funds of life offices	\$m	102 161	107 545	111 664
Superannuation & approved deposit funds	\$m	88 382	96 787	105 883
Public unit trusts	\$m	25 599	28 406	36 874
Friendly societies	\$m	8 988	9 182	9 009
Common funds	\$m	4 373	4 573	4 884
Cash management trusts	\$m	5 345	5 136	5 366
Consumer finance commitments				

Canberra	633	7.5	27.7	12.9	11.1	-0.2
Sydney	1 224	6.7	25.8	18.5	16.1	8.0
Melbourne	658	5.7	25.8	14.0	13.3	5.8
Brisbane	1 190	7.9	29.2	20.6	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	530	6.9	28.5	16.6	14.9	7.5
Perth	868	7.9	29.7	17.9	17.4	9.0
Hobart	627	5.9	21.5	11.7	11.5	4.5
Darwin	1 651	8.4	31.8	24.8	30.4	19.3

Hottest day ever recorded Cloncurry, Qld 53.1°C 16.1.1889

Coldest day ever recorded Charlotte Pass, NSW - 23.0°C 28.6.1994

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES

		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
CPI weighted av. 8 capital cities, All groups	1989-90=100.0	107.3	108.4	110.4
Export	1989-90=100.0	89.6	93.5	91.8
Import	1989-90=100.0	102.7	112.1	115.6
Building materials—house	1985-86=100.0	142.4	145.2	152.1
Building materials—other	1989-90=100.0	105.7	106.0	107.5
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1984-85=100.0	120.7	126.6	124.6
Articles produced	1988-89=100.0	111.6	114.3	115.5

DEMOGRAPHY

		1991	1992	1993
Population at 30 June	'000	17 284.0	17 489.1	17 657.4
Aged less than 15 years	%	21.9	21.8	21.7
Aged 15-64 years	%	66.8	66.8	66.7
Aged 65 years and over	%	11.3	11.5	11.7
Births	'000	257	264	260
Overseas born mothers	%	24.0	24.2	24.3
Australian born mothers	%	76.0	75.8	75.7
Deaths	'000	119	124	122
Marriages	'000	114	115	113
Divorces	'000	46	46	48

Business finance commitments

Commercial finance	\$m	76 645	86 967	95 104
Lease finance	\$m	4 477	4 914	5 846

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. (b) Includes corporations registered as categories A to G under the Financial Corporation Act, such as building societies, credit unions and money market corporations.

HEALTH

		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Governments health expenditure(a)	\$m	31 132	32 758	34 338
Persons with private health insurance(b)	%	52.3	52.0	47.8
Persons without private health insurance(b)	%	47.6	47.9	52.1

(a) Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. (b) At June 1988, June 1990 and June 1992.

Beds at 30 June

		1991	1992	1993
Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	64 592	56 276	55 407
Private hospitals (licensed)	no.	22 312	21 974	22 449
Day hospital facilities	no.	507	561	599
All beds	no.	87 411	78 811	78 455
Beds	per '000 population	5.0	4.5	4.4

Hospitals at 30 June

Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	705	706	696
Private hospitals	no.	324	320	349
Day hospital facilities	no.	60	78	98
All hospitals	no.	1 089	1 104	1 143

Source: Department of Human Services and Health.

Major causes of death

Heart disease	no.	37 408	38 877	37 255
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	31 285	32 033	32 691
Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)	no.	11 883	11 986	12 138
Respiratory disease	no.	8 906	10 068	9 245

Overseas movements of persons		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Net permanent and long-term movement	'000	90	63	67
Visitor arrivals, short-term	'000	2 520	2 786	3 169
Resident departures, short-term	'000	2 173	2 300	2 304

Birthplace major settler arrivals		1991	1992	1993
UK and Ireland	no.	18 940	12 290	9 240
New Zealand	no.	6 730	7 310	6 840
Viet Nam	no.	10 670	7 390	5 660
Hong Kong	no.	14 490	9 820	3 830
Total all settler arrivals	no.	116 650	94 250	65 660

Birthplace major refugee arrivals		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Former Yugoslav Republics	no.	—	337	3 133
Viet Nam	no.	3 136	1 561	1 902
Former USSR and Baltic States	no.	97	18	1 605
Iraq	no.	98	1 231	1 333
Total all refugee arrivals	no.	7 745	7 157	10 939

Source: Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs.

EDUCATION		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Government expenditure	\$m	18 879	20 364	21 465
Private expenditure	\$m	4 731	4 963	5 270

		1991	1992	1993
School students				
Government	'000	2 217.2	2 234.1	2 228.1
Non-government	'000	857.9	864.9	870.3
Total	'000	3 075.1	3 099.0	3 098.4
Technical & further education students(a)	'000	1 554.1	1 743.9	1 782.2
Higher education students(b)	'000	534.5	559.4	575.6

Accidents	no.	4 797	4 678	4 940
Suicide	no.	2 360	2 294	2 081
Total all deaths	no.	119 146	123 660	121 599

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS 1992-93

Country	Balance on merchandise trade (\$US mill.)	Consumer price index (all items) (1985=100.0)	Producer price index (1985=100.0)
Australia	830	153.8	143.5
Canada	13 959	134.6	112.1
France	9 309	124.3	102.6
Germany	27 550	117.6	107.9
Italy	9 640	150.7	126.2
Japan	113 646	112.9	95.2
NZ	843	163.0	135.6
OECD Major 7	..	129.9	113.7
UK	n.y.a.	147.6	138.4
USA	- 102 135	132.5	118.9

Country	Wages index (1985=100)	Employment index (1985=100)	Unemployment rate (%)
Australia	141	114	10.9
Canada	134	110	11.2
France	131	103	11.7
Germany	139	109	5.7
Italy	158	101	10.7
Japan	126	111	2.5
NZ	154	94	9.6
OECD Major 7	134	108	7.0
UK	177	102	10.3

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION

		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Net foreign liabilities at 30 June	\$m	189 651	199 536	221 110
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m	287 547	304 801	333 795
Australian investment abroad	\$m	97 896	105 265	112 685
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m	142 472	153 499	168 787
Foreign borrowing	\$m	178 824	190 408	207 483
Australian lending abroad and reserve assets	\$m	36 352	36 908	38 696
Ratio of net foreign liabilities at 30 June to GDP	%	49.8	51.3	54.5
Ratio of net foreign debt at 30 June to GDP	%	37.4	39.4	41.6

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Total exports f.o.b.	\$m	55 027	60 720	64 611
Total imports (customs value)	\$m	50 984	59 575	64 470
Percentage of total exports to Japan	%	26.5	25.0	24.6
ASEAN	%	13.2	14.3	13.7
EC	%	12.5	11.6	11.3
Percentage of total imports from Japan	%	18.2	18.7	18.1
USA	%	23.0	21.8	21.7

Major export commodities f.o.b.

Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	5 033	6 415	7 483
Metalliferous ores and metal	\$m	7 639	7 572	7 291
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m	6 948	7 623	7 260
Gold, non-monetary	\$m	4 023	4 315	5 295
Meat	\$m	3 436	3 743	4 038
Non-ferrous metals	\$m	3 558	3 996	3 877
Wool, not carded/combed	\$m	3 462	2 988	2 907
Wheat	\$m	1 510	1 987	2 293

Major import commodities (customs value)

Accommodation

		1991	1992	1993
Hotels, motels, etc.				
Establishments	no.	4 874	4 897	4 832
Rooms available at 31 December	no.	161 913	166 597	116 743
Room nights occupied	'000	29 058	30 297	32 398
Room occupancy rate	%	50.1	50.4	53.3
Takings from accommodation	\$m	2 332.2	2 427.7	2 626.1
Caravan parks				
Establishments	no.	2 698	2 682	2 704
Sites available	no.	287 191	286 734	288 300
Site nights occupied	'000	36 382	(a)	45 132.6
Short-term caravan parks				
Sites available at 31 December	no.	190 625	181 564	188 934
Site occupancy rate	%	27.2	(a)	38.8
Takings from accommodation	\$m	213.2	217.9	229.8
Holiday flats, units and houses				
Letting entities	no.	1 429	1 425	1 493
Units available at 31 December	no.	34 234	33 975	35 486
Unit nights occupied	'000	6 086	6 129	6 467
Unit occupancy rate	%	50.4	49.9	51.4
Takings from accommodation	\$m	345.8	356.6	383.3

(a) From September quarter 1992, statistically measured on a different basis and therefore, not comparable with previous years.

TRANSPORT

		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Motor vehicles on register, June(a)	'000	9 934	10 237	10 432
Cars and station wagons, June	'000	7 734	7 913	8 050
New motor vehicles registered(a)	'000	563	538	559
Civil aviation (passenger km)(b)				
Regular internal services	mill.	14 516	19 082	18 996
Overseas services (Qantas)	mill.	26 774	28 397	33 189

(a) Includes motor cycles; excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Source: Department of Transport — AVSTATS.

Chemicals and related products	\$m	5 575	6 625	7 045
LABOUR FORCE		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Annual averages				
Employed persons	'000	7 636.7	7 633.9	7 780.6
Unemployed persons	'000	881.7	940.5	915.5
Unemployment rate	%	10.4	11.0	10.5
Job vacancies, May	'000	24	30	49
Trade union membership, August	'000	n.a.	2 508.8	2 376.9
Industrial disputes, work days lost, year ended 30 June	'000	1 170.3	1 015.7	530.9
MANUFACTURING		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Basic iron	'000 t	6 394	6 445	7 210
Clay bricks	ML	1 632	1 722	1 812
Cement	'000 t	5 731	6 225	6 647
Beer	ML	1 862	1 805	1 752
Assembled motor vehicles	'000	283	290	321
Electricity	MkWh	156 413	159 872	161 813
Gas	million MJ	553 438	567 647	587 382
Electric motors	'000	2 421	2 795	2 929
Yarn — cotton	t	25 069	26 344	30 371
Yarn — wool	t	18 551	18 187	21 016
Census		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Employment at end of June(a)	'000	961.6	906.9	p866.9
Wages and salaries(b)	\$m	28 022	27 068	p26 866
Turnover	\$m	171 245	168 019	p170 214
MINING		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Black coal, raw	'000 t	218 262	222 504	p221 783
Iron ore and concentrates	'000 t	115 302	116 041	p123 892

(a) Includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

Award rates of pay index, full-time adult employees at 30 June 1985=100.0	138.7	139.8	141.4
Earnings & hours (incl. o/time) full-time adult non-managerial employees, May			
Av. weekly total earnings	\$	578.20	601.50
Hours	no.	39.4	39.7
			p618.50
			p39.9

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

Annual periods shown as, for example, 1993 refer to the year ended 31 December 1993; those shown as, for example, 1993-94 refer to the year ended 30 June 1994. Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$) unless another currency is specified. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals.

n.a.	—	not available	MJ	—	megajoules
n.y.a.	—	not yet available	MkWh	—	mega kilo watt hours
p	—	preliminary data	ML	—	megalitres
r	—	revised data	mm	—	millimetres
\$A	—	Australian dollars	mill.	—	million
Av.	—	average	\$m	—	million dollars
Cwith	—	Commonwealth	min.	—	minimum
°C	—	degrees Celsius	no.	—	number
excl.	—	excluding	%	—	percentage
GL	—	gigalitres	km ²	—	square kilometres
incl.	—	including	'000	—	thousands
max.	—	maximum	t	—	tonnes

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Crude oil (incl. condensate)	ML	31 309	30 703	p28 672
Natural gas	GL	22 564	23 959	p26 114

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Gross domestic product (GDP)(I)	\$m	387 325	403 852	425 566
Gross farm product	\$m	10 453	11 556	11 495
GDP(A) at 1989-90 prices	\$m	368 692	379 788	394 655
Gross farm product at 1989-90 prices	\$m	13 871	14 741	14 952
Gross fixed capital exp.— total	\$m	76 676	79 566	82 895
Gross fixed capital exp.— private	\$m	56 090	60 320	64 872
Household income	\$m	312 792	322 887	337 009
Private consumption expenditure	\$m	242 559	252 890	264 235

RETAIL TURNOVER		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
(excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	\$m	93 373.0	96 453.6	101 073.6

TOURISM		1991	1992	1993p
Short-term travellers(a)				
Source country, major o/seas visitors				
Japan	'000	528.5	629.9	670.8
NZ	'000	480.6	447.5	499.3
UK	'000	263.8	289.9	310.3
USA	'000	271.8	267.9	281.3
Total all visitors	'000	2 370.4	2 603.3	2 996.2
Major destinations of Australian travellers				
NZ	'000	318.3	340.7	347.2
USA	'000	308.7	334.6	300.1
UK	'000	220.6	240.4	241.1
Indonesia	'000	174.7	185.2	198.8
Total all travellers	'000	2 099.4	2 276.3	2 267.1

(a) Less than one year.

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